

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A spray gun for applying texture materials and having a body, an air valve and an air passage, the improvement comprising said air valve comprising:  
  
a needle having a longitudinal axis, a tapered diameter, a seating surface and threadedly located in said body; and  
  
a seat having a longitudinal axis, a seating surface tapered in diameter, said needle and seat seating surfaces having lengths along said axes [at least as great as about] substantially greater than said diameters.
2. (currently amended) The spray gun of claim 1 for applying texture materials and having a fluid needle, the improvement comprising an air shutoff valve, said air shutoff valve comprising a member mounted over said needle for occluding said air passage.
3. (previously presented) The spray gun of claim 1 for applying texture materials, the improvement comprising said body being molded as a one piece plastic piece requiring no secondary operations to complete.
4. (original) The spray gun of claim 3 further comprising two protrusions on said body for mounting a trigger and a molded trigger stop.

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5. (previously presented) The spray gun of claim 1 for applying texture materials, the improvement comprising a gun head rotatably attached to said body for rotation between a first position for mounting a hopper and a second position for attachment to a pump line.
6. (previously presented) The spray gun of claim 1 for applying texture materials, the improvement comprising said body having first and second ports for receiving a source of material, said first port being positioned for mounting a hopper and said second port being positioned for attachment to a pump line.
7. (previously presented) The spray gun of claim 6 further comprising an internal flow director for selective occlusion of one of said ports.
8. (previously presented) The spray gun of claim 1 for applying texture materials, the improvement comprising a molded flexible polymer one-way valve installed in said air passage allowing only forward airflow for normal spraying and which without airflow will relax shut and prevent fluid backflow.
9. (previously presented) The spray gun of claim 1 for applying texture materials and having a needle having an air passage therethrough, the improvement comprising a multi-hole air cap installed directly to the end of the needle.